REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendment and following remarks is requested. Claims 9-13, 15-22, and 24-31 are now in the case.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above amendment to the specification be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. The amendment provides recitation of government rights and corresponding grant numbers and does not constitute new matter.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6672.

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